

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau commends the courage and presence of mind demonstrated by a 67-year-old government employee from Hyderabad. She recently thwarted a scam that attempted to impose a 'digital arrest' on her, reporting the fraudulent activity to the police and helping spread awareness on the dangers of cyber fraud.

The incident began when she received a call from someone posing as an official from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), which was then transferred to a "CBI representative" in Mumbai.

The fraudsters alleged that her Aadhaar information had been misused in a money laundering case and instructed her to send Rs. 4,21,357 to a bank account, assuring her the funds would be returned upon proving her innocence. They even sent a fake crime branch letter and attempted to intimidate her with a "digital arrest" and threats of house confinement.

Recognizing the signs of a scam, she refused to comply, immediately filed a report through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, and helped ensure that no money was lost.

We encourage all citizens to learn from her vigilance. Fraudulent calls impersonating authorities such as the CBI, TRAI, RBI, or law enforcement agencies often use fear tactics. Here's what to do if you encounter such calls:

1. **Stay Calm**: Scammers rely on panic; staying composed is crucial.
2. **Avoid Engagement**: Disconnect immediately if anything seems suspicious.
3. **Report Suspicious Calls**: Reach out to the Cyber Crimes Police by dialing **1930 or in emergencies call 100 or 112.**

Your vigilance and quick action can help prevent similar frauds. Let's remain alert, act smart, and stay secure.

Sincerely,

Telangana
Cyber Security Bureau

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